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POSITION IS WEAKENED

Ex-Consul General Morss on Attitude of United States.

SITUATION IS GRAVE

He Says Great Britain and Germany Are Obligated to Hold Venezuela Territory For an Indefinite Length of Time.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.—Samuel E. Morss, consul general at Paris in the last administration of President Cleveland, was asked what he thought of the diplomatic and political differences that now confronted the United States in Venezuela and what effect the occupation of Venezuelan territory by Great Britain and Germany would have on the Monroe doctrine of this nation.

"My opinion," said Mr. Morss, "is that the United States very materially weakened its position on the Monroe doctrine by its enterprises in the eastern hemisphere. Our course in China, however, was conservative in comparison with course in the Philippines.

"Our government showed much wisdom in China. It avoided anything looking to acquisition of territory or establishment of any jurisdiction there. It seemed to me very clear that the precedent we have established in the east would return to plague us when the occasion arose. Perhaps there has arisen cause for a vigorous assertion of the maintenance of traditional opposition to European encroachments in the Americas.

"Now there were two sections of that Monroe doctrine, one being a corollary of the other. We were to absolutely abstain from interference or participation in political affairs of the old world. We were to resist, if necessary, the acquisition of any additional foothold by European powers in the new world. "We have repudiated the doctrine which would keep the American states out of the old world. This certainly has very greatly weakened the strength of our contention that European powers must not increase their territorial possession in the new world.

"I think the situation is grave. The two greatest powers in Europe have come together with at least sufficient grievances against Venezuela to make a plausible case under international law and to seize custom houses of Venezuela.

"They are obliged under the very necessities of the case to hold Venezuelan territory for an indefinite period, for they are not going to abandon their claims.

"The ordinary resources of Venezuela, as I read the reports are not sufficient to meet these claims. The only way in which Great Britain and Germany can enforce payment, unless the United States assumes or guarantees payment is by the acquisition of the territory, and such territory they would hold for an indefinite period. "It is not hard to foresee that they may stay in Venezuela as long as England has stayed in Egypt.

SURPRISE AND REGRET.

Officials at Washington Sorry to Hear of the Drastic Action Taken.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Minister Bowen at Caracas, in a cablegram to the state department dated Thursday, confirms the press reports that all the German and British prisoners have been released.

This was the only advice that came to the state department Thursday night as to the situation in Venezuela, but it was welcome, for the officials felt that by the releasing of those civilians President Castro had diminished greatly the most dangerous factor in the problem. Had he insisted on retaining them in jail, the allies must have dispatched a force to the capital of Venezuela and war outright would have ensued. As it is, it is the officials here prefer to regard the status as not one of war, providing the allies adhere to their original program of a "peaceful blockade" perhaps followed by the temporary seizure of Venezuelan custom houses.

Details of the sinking of the Venezuelan navy by the allied naval forces are awaited with interest here, and the officials could but not express their regret and surprise that it had been found necessary to proceed to such extremes.

Nothing has yet occurred to induce the state department to change the policy of non-interference which it has adopted. The president is showing particular interest in the situation, and he called Secretary Hay away from his regular Thursday diplomatic reception to confer respecting Venezuela. The chairman of the two congressional committees charged with the case of foreign affairs also called at the state department to talk over the Venezuelan developments.

News Confirmed.

London, Dec. 12.—The foreign office at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon was

still without official news from Venezuela. The officials were glad to hear of the release of British subjects, but were unable to express opinions on press dispatches except to say as Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne did not they presumed they should not.

In the house of commons Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne reported the capture of three Venezuelan vessels at La Guayra and the disablement of a fourth vessel without resistance and also confirmed the capture of the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar at Port of Spain, Trinidad. Two of the prizes, he added, were sunk.

CONSULS IN PRISON.

A British Vessel That Was Unwilling Has Been Also Seized.

London, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, dated Dec. 11, says:

The Venezuelan authorities at Puerto Cabello are fortifying that town. They have seized and imprisoned the British and German consuls there, as well as other Britons and Germans, and have taken possession of their property. The authorities also seized a British steamer which was discharging a cargo of coal at Puerto Cabello. This vessel was unable to escape owing to a break in her machinery.

French Vessel Seized.

Paris, Dec. 12.—A lengthy official dispatch has been received at the foreign office here from Caracas saying that the boats of the German warships, in seizing the vessels supposed to belong to Venezuela, also captured a French merchant steamer, the Osun.

Said to Have Landed Marines.

London, Dec. 12.—The Central News says it was reported in the lobby of the house of commons that allies have landed blue jackets at La Guayra for the purpose of effecting the capture of President Castro, and that fighting is going on in the streets. The foreign office has no information to this effect.

BILL PASSED.

Measure to Compensate Anthracite Commission Goes Through Senate.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The senate Thursday afternoon passed with several amendments the bill fixing the compensation of the anthracite coal strike commission and it now goes to conference. The sentiment of the senate was strongly in favor of allowing the members of the commission who are not in the civil or military service of the government a lump sum for their service, and after considerable debate \$4000 was settled upon as the proper amount, thus taking the matter out of the hands of the president as the bill originally provided.

Several other amendments to the bill were adopted fixing the expenses of the commissioners and the assistant recorders at \$10 per day instead of \$15, and leaving the question of the amount of salary of the assistant recorders and employees to the commission. The name of the commission was changed to "anthracite coal strike arbitration."

WAGNER-BUTLER CASE.

The House Put in Nearly All Thursday Discussing the Matter.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The house Thursday devoted practically the whole day to discussion of a resolution to limit the period of taking testimony in the Wagner-Butler contested election case to forty days and finally adopted a resolution to that effect to a party vote—155 to 118.

The purpose of the resolution is to permit the house to pass on the case at this session. Under the regular method of procedure several months are given to the preparation of a contested election case. Mr. Butler, the sitting member, was unseated at the last session and again returned at the last election to fill the vacancy. He had over 6000 plurality on the face of the returns, but the returns are contested.

The house agreed to hold a session on Sunday, Jan. 25, for the purpose of paying tribute to the memories of the late Representative Russell of Connecticut and Sheppard and DeGraffenreid of Texas.

Must Be Stamped.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative DeArmond introduced a bill providing that it shall be unlawful to ship from any state or territory, through or into any other state or territory, any manufactured articles sold for shipment or intended to be sold, unless every article has stamped on the cover containing the words "No Monopoly Product." Produced in Open Competition," or other words of like import. A maximum penalty of \$1000 fine or one year's imprisonment, or both, is provided for violation of this provision. It is provided, further, that articles not thus marked may be seized and confiscated.

Independent Operator Testifies.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 12.—Representatives of the miners before the anthracite coal strike commission Thursday called L. N. Crawford, one of the independent operators, to the witness stand to tell the exact price he received for his coal. Crawford, who is president of the People's Coal company, refused, giving instead an average of the price. The request for Crawford to take the stand was a surprise. The Oxford colliery during the strike managed to get enough men to

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operate the plant, and for one month, according to Crawford, his company received \$20 a ton for its coal. Objection was raised by the operators' lawyers and the commission said that the exceptional high price of coal during the strike was not pertinent to the present inquiry.

The miners announced that they expected to close their case Saturday, and thus gave notice to the other side to be ready to proceed with their testimony.

Grand Hit His Head.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 12.—Leonard Owen, a railway mail clerk, was instantly killed at Traskwood on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad. He had placed a mail pouch on the crane to be transferred to another train, and just as the trains were passing each other he put his head out of the door and the crane struck him and broke his neck.

Employees to Be Reinstated.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—The strike at the Spreckles sugar refinery has been amicably settled. The employees whose discharge caused the strike will be reinstated.

The Texas and Pacific Holiday Rates.

The territory to which excursion tickets for the holidays will be sold has been considerably widened. In addition to the usual sale of tickets to points in the Southeastern States, the T. & P. Railway company will also sell round trip tickets to principal points in Mexico, Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The rate will be one first-class fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip and tickets may be purchased December 13th, 17th, 21st, 23d and 26th, good to return within thirty days from date of sale.

Further information regarding rates, through service sleepers, free seats in chair cars, etc., may be had from any railroad ticket agent or through correspondence with H. P. Hughes, traveling passenger agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. Turner, G. P. & T. A., T. & P. Railway Co., Dallas, Texas. d&w-Dec. 16

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Four boys were sentenced to the penitentiary from Hill county for burglary. The burglary consisted of breaking in a store at night to get a little piece of meat, with which to season a chicken stew. Some chickens had been purloined and all the circumstances pointed to a boyish lark. Their conduct was very bad, no doubt, but to send boys to the penitentiary is worse. If the sentences of these young fellows are not commuted, there is danger of turning loose four hardened criminals on the country, when their terms are served out. A Hill county newspaper comments hysterically upon the sadness of the case. We should rather choose to comment caustically up those who prosecuted such a case to such a conclusion.

At the last general conference of the Methodist church held in Dallas what had been known as the "Texas conference" and the "East Texas conference" were combined. The amalgamation of these two conferences will be of much benefit to this section of the state, as it will enable the best preachers to remain in this conference. Heretofore, when the conference was small, there were comparatively few of the leading lights of the ministry in this conference, and they, after serving a year or two, would be transferred to another conference. Now the conference comprises many cities and large towns, for instance, Galveston, Houston, Tyler, Beaumont, Palestine, Brenham, Bryan, Marshall and many others, besides a great many thriving small towns. With all of this territory, this conference will be supplied with many of the best ministers, and they will remain in this conference for a long time, being transferred from one point to another. The conference as it exists at present comprises 54,000 square miles. By way of comparison, it may be said that it has a greater area than is contained in the whole state of Alabama.—Galveston News.

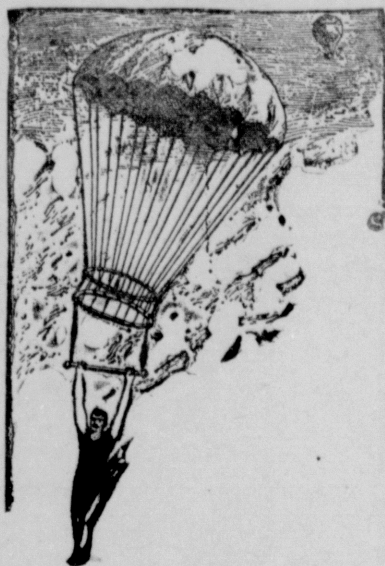
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EMMEL'S PRESCRIPTION PHARMACY.

A Rock Island passenger train was wrecked with disastrous consequences at Terral, I. T., near the Red river yesterday. Engineer George Wells and Fireman George Clark were killed.



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Best brands, best colors, best calicoes made at Coulter's. 6

Get your Christmas turkey from the Bryan Grocery Co. They are fat and fine. 5

D. E. Suber has opened a meat market next door to McGee's feed store. First-class fresh meats. 10

Geo. W. Higgs will send up with the balloon this evening several chickens. The person returning to him the one with the tag on will receive a prize. Come one and all, and see the chickens fall. 5

The Houston Post of yesterday, in their criticism of "The Other Fellow," which was at the Houston opera house Thursday night, among other good things said: "Taken as a whole the performance was more than worth the price of admission and the fun was fast and furious from the start to finish and made a very enjoyable evening's entertainment. The play can be rightly recommended as a sure cure for the blues. The specialty parts were exceptionally good." The above company will appear at the opera house here tonight and all who wish to pass an enjoyable evening will do well to be on hand.

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Holiday Excursions.—Our Christmas Holiday Excursions will cover a very large territory this year. Rate one fare plus \$2 for round trip. Sell tickets Dec. 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26. Limit 30 days for return. Tickets will be on sale to points in the south-east (old states), to Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado and Mexico. Note the early selling dates and low rates.

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Round-trip tickets will be sold via the Houston and Texas Central on Dec. 13th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th at rate of one fare, plus \$2.00 with limit for return thirty days from date of sale. A trip via this route to the north, east or southeast will take you through the oil, rice and sugar belt of Texas and Louisiana. Direct connection at Houston with the Southern Pacific which line also makes direct connection at New Orleans with all lines.

On Dec. 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st, 1902, and January 1st, 1903, round trip tickets will be sold at reduced rates to all points in Texas and to all points in Louisiana, limited to January 3rd for return.

Write for descriptive literature and rates to T. J. Anderson, A. G. P. and T. A., M. L. Robbins, G. P. and T. A., Houston, Texas.

A company of clever comedians, says an advance notice, will be the support of Mr. Harry West, the German dialect comedian, at the opera house on Saturday night, Dec. 13. This attraction will be one of merit in every respect. Fun fast and furious is produced in addition to a number of the latest musical and dancing numbers and several high-class vaudeville acts by ladies and gentlemen of metropolitan reputation.

I have too many flannel waists and have put prices on them to move them. Coulter. 5

Col. Rush McQueen of Brenham is visiting relatives in the city.

PILGRIMS KILLED.

Car Thrown from the Track and Five Others Followed the Accident.

City of Mexico, Dec. 12.—A special train on the Hidalgo railway loaded with 1000 pilgrims returning to Tulancingo from this city met with a strange and lamentable accident. When the train reached Tepa a stop was made to allow another train to pass. There is a "Y" at that point of the road and when the train with the pilgrims backed up to resume its journey to Tulancingo the last car of the train was thrown from the track and five others followed it. All were turned over and smashed to pieces. A wild scene of desperation followed, 600 people, a majority of whom were women, were thrown over the steep side of the track, and were bruised, cut and torn by the heavy timbers, three being killed and many injured. The injured were taken to Pachuca and cared for at the hospital at that place.

Pilgrims are coming from all parts of the republic to worship at the shrine of Guadalupe, 12,000 having thus far arrived here.

ACTION RATIFIED.

The Annual Meeting of Santa Fe Railroad Held at Topeka.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road here Thursday, purchase of the following lines, which has already been announced by the directors, was ratified: Kansas City and Southwestern, Sunset Route (Short Line in California), California Eastern, Grand Canyon Line, Gulf, Beaumont and Great Northern, Santa Fe Pacific, Eastern Oklahoma, Kiowa, Chickasaw and Fort Smith, Guthrie and Western and the Eastern Railway of Mexico. Price, Waterhouse & Co. were elected as independent auditors for the company. More than three-fourths of the entire stock of the Santa Fe was represented at the meeting.

President Ripley said after the meeting that a plan for pensioning Santa Fe employees was under consideration. Both the management and employees of the road will contribute to the movement.

Yukon Postoffice Robbed.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 12.—The post office at Yukon, in Canadian county, Oklahoma, was robbed early Thursday of \$300 in money and stamps by two men, who wrecked the safe with dynamite. In a fight with the robbers Marshal Montfort was shot. The men escaped in a stolen buggy.

Judgment Against Rock Island.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 12.—A verdict for \$14,000 was returned in favor of J. B. Oldridge against the Rock Island railway. Plaintiff alleged he had his right arm mangled off while in the employ of the road as brakeman.

Serious Charge.

Smithville, Tex., Dec. 12.—A criminal assault was committed on a 15-year-old girl at her home here. Sheriff G. W. Davis has arrested the man who is charged with the crime, and has taken him to jail at Bastrop.

Record Broken.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 12.—The record of five days and three hours between New York and Galveston, made by the Southern steamship El Siblo, was broken Thursday by El Cid, Capt. Baker of the same line, by five hours.

Negro Taken Away.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 12.—The precarious condition of James Beckett, stabbed by a negro, has caused much excitement, and the threats made against a party in jail charged with the deed caused the sheriff to take him to another city south.

Diamonds Seized.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 12.—Treasury officials seized diamonds to the value of \$5900 in the office of Silberberg Bros. It is alleged proper formalities were not observed at New York custom-house. Diamonds were pawned by J. J. Craig.

Cleveland and Washington Spoke.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Former President Cleveland presided at a public meeting in the interest of the Berean Manual Training school, a colored institution, and made an address. Booker T. Washington also spoke.

Adverse to State.

Austin, Dec. 12.—District Judge Penn decided adversely to the state in the case against the International and Great Northern Railway company, for \$30,000 back taxes, alleged to be due on the Colorado river bridge.

Husband Lodged in Jail.

Lake Charles, La., Dec. 12.—Lucien Sonier, husband of Mrs. Sedonit Sonier, who was killed near Oberlin, was lodged in jail. The couple have been living apart for some time.

Goes to Trial.

Belton, Tex., Dec. 12.—Judge Furman overruled the motion for change of venue in the John Connell case and trial commenced. Defendant is charged with killing his father.

Minister Robbed.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 12.—Rev. D. F. Fuller of Kemp, I. T., was held up in the chair car of a belated southbound passenger train and relieved of \$10 and his ticket.

Thought Murder.

Stamford, Tex., Dec. 12.—Frank Palmer, running a short order house, was found dead in bed with a bullet hole in his head. Evidence shows a murder.

Immigrants Arriving.

Gilmer, Tex., Dec. 12.—A great deal of immigration is coming in and price of lands in the country advancing.

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Mrs. Ida McDonald.

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A million suffering women have found relief in Wine of Cardui.

ROCK ISLAND WRECK.

Train Struck a Broken Rail and Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Fort Worth, Dec. 12.—A Rock Island passenger train ran into a broken rail near Terral, I. T., Thursday night. The train was badly wrecked. Engineer George Clark of Fort Worth was killed and also Fireman George Wells of the same city.

Collision on Southern.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 12.—The Atlanta express on the Southern railway ran into an open switch and collided with a freight train near High Point, N. C. Both engines and a baggage car were demolished. Both engines sustained broken limbs and six passengers hurt.

AS TO PERCENTAGES.

They Must Be Docked, Said Former Boss Regardless of Condition.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 12.—Edward Ridgeway, a former docking boss in the employ of the Temple Coal and Iron company, was on the stand before the strike commission. He said he belonged to the union and was not aware it was contrary to the company's rules for a docking boss to be a union man. He said that nine years ago he was told by the mine foreman he must dock certain percentage, no matter whether they were clean or full of dirt. This percentage ranged from 5 to 8 per cent. After the union had a check docking boss appointed it fell to almost nothing.

Attacked by Moros.

Manila, Dec. 12.—A force of Moros attacked Camp Vicars, island of Mindanao, on Tuesday after seventy days inactivity. They were repulsed with off loss on the American side. The Moros approached stealthily at midnight but the Americans were not surprised. The entire force was called to arms and drove off the attackers. It is believed the hostilities were from the country east of Lanao, which Captain Pershing has not yet visited.

Shot by a Private.

Manila, Dec. 12.—Reports have been received by the military authorities to the effect that constabulary inspector Hendrix, who was badly wounded Nov. 25, on the island of Samar, supposedly by Ladrones, during an engagement, was in reality shot by one of his own men after this action began. The crime was committed by a constabulary private, who shot Hendrix from behind. All the members of the inspector's command then fled.

Protocol Signed at Havana.

Havana, Dec. 12.—The protocol of the commercial treaty between the United States and Cuba was signed Thursday night.

Police Official Resigns.

New York, Dec. 12.—Commissioner of Police Partridge has resigned on account of ill health.

Epidemic Spreading.

Manila, Dec. 12.—Cholera is spreading among the lake Moros. It is believed the epidemic will prove serious.

Elected President.

Berne, Dec. 12.—Vice President Deutscher was elected president of the Swiss Confederation.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Paris, Tex., will have a horse show. Snow has caused much damage in the Crimea.

A citizen of Comanche, Tex., claims to have a hen twelve years old.

Joe Coleman was drowned near Russellville, Ark., while duck hunting.

General Wright recommends gold and silver pesos as Philippine currency.

An accident to the battleship Texas necessitated her return to the Norfolk navy yard.

A good flow of oil is reported to have been struck on the Gibson tract, south of Corsicana, Tex.

While cutting wood near Kennedale, Tex., a splinter struck an eye of S. R. Rames, destroying the sight.

Lucraft Bros. of Colbert, I. T., sold 600 bales of cotton to King & Co. of Durant. Transaction involved about \$26,000.

A baby was found near Muenster, Cooke county, Texas, wrapped in a

Sound Advice!

We all enjoy a good hearty meal but few dare indulge in it, for fear of sick-headache, indigestion, dyspepsia, and a host of other stomach troubles. Take a wine glassful of **Carrizo Springs Mineral Water** after your meals, and you will be able to eat and drink what you please, with impunity. It is a natural mineral water, nature's own remedy for Constipation, Stomach and Catarrhal troubles, and may be given to the youngest children. Try a bottle, it costs but 25 cents, should your druggist not have it, we will ship you a 5-gallon jug prepaid for \$4.00.

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Other lands too numerous to mention.

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snow and not clothed. The infant died.

A freight and a passenger train collided on the International near Taylor, Tex. Some cars were injured, but no persons hurt.

The carriage of D. J. Simpson of Fort Worth, Tex., was struck by an automobile and a horse killed. Mr. Simpson had a close call.

In a fit of jealous rage Jeff Grogan, a negro, shot his wife twice at Huntsville, Ala., and then cut his throat. Both are in a critical condition.

The grand jury of Martin county, Indiana, has returned ninety-six indictments against men who are alleged to have sold their votes.

Ex-Congressman Yardi, who represented the Seventh Pennsylvania district in the Fifth and Fifty-first congresses, died at Doylestown, Pa.

A negro woman at Russellville, Tenn., locked her two children up in the house and went off. The building burned and the children were cremated.

Four gambling houses at St. Joseph, Mo., were victimized by two strangers for \$3000.

William A. Hunter, a miner at Coal-town, Ill., near Moline, was killed by a dynamite blast.

The former Spanish ship Reina Mercedes is being refitted at Portsmouth, N. H., for a training ship.

A gas vein and some oil have been struck at a depth of 235 feet at Kaiser Mound, near Columbia, Tex.

The famous copper suit known as the Cobre-Grande litigation has been re-opened at Phoenix, Ariz.

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No. 101—Southbound—Passenger—Arrives 7:15 p. m.

H. & T. C. SCHEDULE.

Northbound No. 1 10:20 a. m.
Northbound No. 3 1:27 p. m.
Northbound No. 5 2:13 a. m.
Southbound No. 2 2:00 p. m.
Southbound No. 4 4:16 p. m.
Southbound No. 6 2:46 a. m.
Nos. 3 and 4 are fast trains, stopping only at principal stations.

Local News

Calicoes, 11,000 yards at Coulter's. 6

Novelties in toys for the children. Read's drug store. 5

Fine perfumeries, in packages and bulk. Read's drug store. 5

For the boy—Star brand shoes wear like iron—buy them at Coulter's. 5

J. R. Stewart of Kurten called on the Eagle while in the city yesterday. 5

E. J. Payne of Edge gave the Eagle a call while in the city yesterday. 5

Mrs. J. W. Brockman returned to Jasper yesterday after a visit to relatives. 5

I have positively marked my best flannel waists down below cost. W. J. Coulter. 5

Miss Stella Salvant has returned to New Orleans after a visit to Misses Ettle. 5

Konecny Bros. now have two markets to supply their customers with first-class fresh meats. 6

Mother Mary Joseph returned to Galveston yesterday after a visit to Villa Maria academy. 6

Mrs. J. Claybar and children returned to Orange yesterday after visiting Mrs. M. C. Ettle. 6

You can't match them in style or price. Those \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00 ladies jackets at Webb Bros. 5

Just received a fresh shipment of Huyler's pure, delicious candies for Christmas at McDougald's drug store. 16

Furnished Rooms.—Mrs. W. E. Harris has two furnished rooms for parties for light house keeping, or other use as desired. 10

Good Warm Underwear!

Our stock of Winter Underwear includes all weights in cotton, merino & wool, fleece lined and jersey ribbed in pure white, stripes and solid colors every garment is of standard make and full size, cut to fit and made for SERVICE.

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OUTFITTERS.

Genuine Guyott. suspenders at Coulter's. 6

\$7.50 grey all wool skirts at Coulter's for \$50. 6

Largest line of men's suspenders in Bryan. Coulter. 6

Cam L. Fannin of Marlin was here on business yesterday. 6

Fireworks, best quality, lowest prices. Read's drug store. 5

The prettiest line of china in sets or pieces. Read's drug store. 5

Konecny Bros.—City market and blue front—for the best meats. 6

Do not buy any blankets till you see and price ours. Webb Bros. 5

For Sale—Furniture and household effects. W. H. Harman, Jr. 9

Christmas turkeys—the finest we have ever had—Bryan Grocery Co. 5

Allegretti's famous chocolate creams, none so good, at Read's drug store. 5

Spot cash bargains at Norwood's. No due checks or charges until after Christmas. 10

For Sale—Mitchell 2 1/4 inch wagon used about 6 months. Apply to D. McDougald. 6

10 per cent in price and 25 per cent in freight is what I save by buying trunks by the car load. 5

On Monday, Dec. 9, I received my second car-load of trunks. Bought two car-loads of trunks this fall. W. J. Coulter. 5

Franklin Bros. two markets are always well supplied with the best the country affords, bought by skilled and well-experienced buyers and handled with more care than you will find elsewhere. 8

The southbound passenger on the I. & G. N. ran off the track at Cawthon, in the lower end of the county. The engine and baggage car turned over. Nobody hurt. An open switch was said to be the cause of the accident. 6

Rev. J. W. Moore, who has been in Japan as a missionary twelve years, and is now on a visit to this country and traveling in Texas, lectured at the Presbyterian church Thursday night and spent the forenoon in the city yesterday. Rev. Moore is a young man of ability and his discourse was entertaining and instructive. He told of his work and experiences in the Flowery Kingdom, and the manners, customs and characteristics of the Japanese; also of the progress made by Christianity and by commerce in that far away land. 10

An advance notice says: Mr. Harry West, the amusing German dialect comedian, will head his own company, presenting the new farce comedy "The Other Fellow," at the opera house, Saturday night, December 13. This play is based on original lines and with a leading German part constructed around the abilities of Mr. West. A number of new musical and dancing numbers and high-class vaudeville acts are also introduced. 5

Notice.—People who have stock in the pound will please get a receipt from the city secretary before coming for them. I will not collect money or let stock out without receipt. City Pound Keeper. 8

You know Konecny Bros.' fine meats can't be beat. They have two markets to supply your wants—the blue front on north Main street and the City market near the courthouse. 6

Webb Bros. have just received another shipment of Maloney Brothers' misses and children shoes and Krippeford Dittman's ladies shoes. They are good lookers and good wearers. 5

Chiffon Boas and Fur Boas "are it." We have them from \$1.50 to \$10.00. They are not only cheap, but are beautiful. Webb Bros. 5

Turkeys, turkeys, turkeys! What is Christmas without plenty of fine fat turkeys. Get them from the Bryan Grocery Co. 5

Franklin Bros. never sell their meat but they sell more good meat than the rest combined. 8

THE BUSINESS LEAGUE.

A Farmers Institute for Bryan in January—New Railroad Proposition—

Cotton Factory Discussion—

Other Notes of Interest.

The regular December meeting of the Business League was attended by a large and enthusiastic gathering of citizens.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed balance on hand of \$17.64.

The committee appointed to arrange for a conference between the local waterworks people and the city council in regard to procuring artesian water reported that all of the gentlemen had accepted an invitation to be present, but for some unknown reason, Mr. Warnecke, the Houston well man, had not arrived. Mr. Adoue, for the local waterworks people, was present, and made a statement to the effect that his company was very desirous of procuring an artesian well in Bryan, and would join the Business League and city council in any reasonable effort. The committee was continued until Mr. Warnecke, or some other well man may be present.

The committee appointed to arrange for a Farmers Institute in Bryan reported through their chairman, Mr. Webb Howell, that Prof. Connell and his associates had agreed to hold an institute in Bryan during January. The committee requested that each member of the League give the matter as much publicity as possible, and that a special effort be made to interest the farmers in this section.

The committee appointed to secure cheap freight rates on corn for farmers reported that they were at work on the proposition, and on motion, Messrs. T. R. Batte, J. O. Chance and Ed Hall were added to the committee. An effort will be made by them to also secure a cheap rate on cotton seed.

Judge J. W. Doremus addressed the league, favoring an effort to secure the M. K. & T. railroad, which will soon make an extension from Taylor to Trinity; and also favoring the inauguration of a plan to build a cotton mill in Bryan. An interesting discussion of these two important enterprises followed, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that both plans are feasible at this time.

A committee consisting of J. W. Doremus, W. S. Howell, Ed Hall, H. A. Berger and W. E. Saunders was appointed to assume entire charge of both matters.

There being no further business the League adjourned.

HENRY HARRINGTON.

The many friends of Prof. and Mrs. H. H. Harrington of College sincerely sympathize with them in the loss of their little son, Henry, who died at their home, after a lingering illness, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The child was twenty-two months old and suffered long from frail health. Funeral services were conducted at College and the remains brought to Bryan for interment in the city cemetery. 6

I desire to sincerely thank our friends and the lodge of the Woodmen of the World and the lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen for their kindness to us during the recent illness of my husband, which resulted in his death. These kind attentions will ever be remembered. Mrs. W. E. Harris. 6

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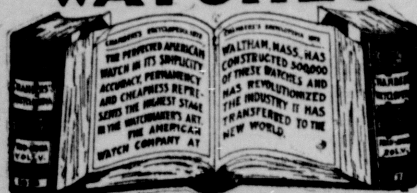
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NO VIEWS EXCHANGED

The European Powers Have Not Discussed Situation.

UNCLE SAM MUST ACT

Consensus of Opinion Appears to Be That the United States Is the Proper Nation to Act as the Intermediary.

Paris, Dec. 12.—A foreign office official made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"No exchange of views has occurred between the European powers concerning the Venezuelan situation, and no such exchange is intended, as it is definitely held that the affair is one in which the United States should be left free to take the initiative mediation."

This statement was called out by a suggestion of the Temps that it was time for Europe to speak in the interest of universal peace.

The official added: "It is fully recognized here and at other capitals that the United States is the only power in a position to act as an intermediary, hence there is no intention on the part of European powers to take concerted or individual action."

The release of the French steamer Ossum, seized by Germans at La Guayra, has not yet been reported to the foreign office, but officials accept unofficial reports of her release, thus relieving the incident of its gravity.

After an exchange of cable messages it has been agreed to appoint a distinguished Spanish jurist as the referee of France in the Venezuelan arbitration. His name is to be announced until the arbitrators assemble at Caracas.

TEST OF ATTITUDE.

What the Trend of Opinion at Berlin Is Over Venezuelan Affairs.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—President Castro's war preparations and his public utterances are regarded in official circles here as "designed to see how far the allies are willing to go as a test of the further attitude of the administration at Washington, and, above all, as efforts to unite his own people and reconcile them to his dictatorship."

The foreign office received a cablegram Thursday from the German charge d'affaires, Herr Von Pilgrim Baltazzi, filed at La Guayra. This is an indication, the foreign office thinks, that the situation is not so intense as press telegrams represent it to be.

Regarding the reports that Germans want only destroyed Venezuelan ships captured at La Guayra, it is said here that according to official advice only one vessel is disabled and none sunk, and the British participated equally with the Germans in the action taken.

While the marine minister is not considering the immediate dispatch of reinforcements, if necessary to occupy a port marines will be sent. The navy department garrisons and coast defenses have at their disposition fifteen battalions of marines who are serving on shore.

This dispatch was received from Caracas: "The German warships have embargoed three Venezuelan ships and disabled the fourth near La Guayra." This dispatch probably refers to the Venezuelan ships seized Dec. 9.

GETTING READY.

Necessary Measures to Defend Themselves Being Rapidly Pushed.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A cablegram from Caracas, dated Thursday, says La Guayra advises indicate the government has taken persecutive measures there. All deposits of coal at the navy yard and all British cars on the railroad have been taken to Caracas.

Minister of War Ferri has chosen spots in the mountain west of Caracas to dig trenches.

Governor of Caracas has issued a decree asking all males between the ages of eighteen and fifty to enroll themselves voluntarily, "as patriotism demands that all be declared traitors and sent before tribunals who do not do so."

After a conference with President Castro Minister Bowen obtained an order for the liberation from prison of British and German subjects and an hour later had all released. Minister Bowen and Secretary of Legation Russell went in person to the jail five times and assisted colored British subjects ill there.

Situation is believed to be desperate. According to an official, Castro has allowed Bowen to communicate with the Berlin and London governments through Washington.

It is stated on good authority that the Venezuelan government has asked Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator.

British telephone office has been seized.

VIA WASHINGTON.

London Receives Venezuela News by the Way of United States.

London, Dec. 12.—It is understood nearly all Venezuela news which the British government gets comes through the news department at Washington, and is based on Minister Bowen's messages. Foreign office here so far, however, has received no trace of the reply to the demands of Great Britain and Germany, which Venezuela is reported to have transmitted to those powers through the United States consul at La Guayra, though it officially received a copy of President Castro's proclamation.

Foreign office officials also said they have not received information to the effect Venezuela requested Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator. They think it is not likely the proposition has been made, but if such is the case, they do not consider arbitration at this stage would be acceptable to Great Britain.

WISHES ARBITRATION.

Castro Desires This Government to Ask Allies to Take This Step.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A cablegram received by the state department from Minister Bowen at Caracas states the Venezuelan government has requested him to propose to Great Britain and Germany that the difficulties arising out of the claims for alleged damages and injuries to British and German subjects during the civil war be submitted to arbitration.

Will Be Laid Before Countries.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The proposition of President Castro will be laid by the state department before Great Britain and Germany. Not much hope is anticipated of a favorable reception, as the difficulty has progressed, it is thought, too far. Reprisal made by Venezuela for destruction of her navy owing to seizure of British ships and arrest of British and German subjects has practically developed relations of war, although technically the principals prefer to call it something else.

Professor Rogers' Opinion.

New York, Dec. 12.—Professor Henry Ward Rogers, who holds chair of constitutional law at Yale university, says Great Britain and Germany have not violated the Monroe doctrine. The professor was formerly president of the Northwestern university, Chicago. He says: "United States has not at this time asserted the right to interfere for protection of any South American states against demands of European nations seeking payment of claims. On the contrary our government has again and again declined to interfere in such cases."

Active at La Guayra.

La Guayra, Dec. 12.—Defense preparations are being vigorously pushed on the heights back of town. Powder deposits in Fortresses Lavign and San Carlos have been removed. Everybody wants to enlist in the army. Embargo placed upon harbor corporations has been removed.

Disclaims Responsibility.

London, Dec. 12.—The foreign office informs the Associated Press that it disclaims all responsibility for the sinking of the Venezuelan vessels off La Guayra, which it entirely attributes to the German forces.

Negro Republicans of Alabama.

Selma, Ala., Dec. 12.—The negro Republican state convention, which has been in session here for several days, adjourned. William J. Stephens of Calhoun, was elected chairman of new state executive committee. John McGee of Selma was elected secretary. Among last acts was adoption of following resolution: "The Republican state executive committee of Alabama shall consist of five members from each congressional district, and five members shall also constitute district executive committee."

Favors New Plant.

Austin, Dec. 12.—The governor gave out the report of the board appointed by him to negotiate with the city of Austin for the purchase of the old company's water plant. The report shows the city wants \$113,000 for the old plant, and the report estimates it will cost \$64,672 to place the old plant in running order, making a total of \$177,672, while the board figures out that the state can install an entirely new centrally located plant for \$151,293. They therefore recommend that the state construct its own plant.

Colony to Locate in Mexico.

Fort Worth, Dec. 12.—Ernest Bledsoe, a Greer county (Oklahoma) farmer, says a colony 100 strong will be formed in that county to locate in Mexico, 100 miles west of Tampico, early next year. Cattle, oranges, lemons and bananas will be raised. They will have their own schools, churches, stores, etc.

Driven Violently Insane.

Austin, Dec. 12.—John Small, aged thirteen, was driven violently insane by confinement in the county jail. He was arrested several months ago charged with theft. The grand jury failed to indict him, and when released he was crazy and had to be sent to the asylum.

Consolidation Effected.

New York, Dec. 12.—A banking consolidation has been effected which will bring into harmony the financial interests of the Mutual Life Insurance company and the Equitable and Morton Trust company. Directors of the United States bank voted to amalgamate with the Western National bank.

Day of Execution Fixed.

Clarksville, Ark., Dec. 12.—Circuit Judge Moose fixed Feb. 5, 1903, as the day for the execution of Geo. Durham and Fred Underwood, who were convicted of murder in the first degree in the killing of Sheriff John H. Powers Feb. 5, 1902. Sheriff Powers was killed while trying to prevent a bank robbery here.

Another Conviction.

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—John H. Schentler, former member of the house of delegates, was Thursday convicted of bribery in connection with the suburban franchise deal and given four years in the penitentiary. This is the ninth boulder case disposed of thus far.

"Spike" Sullivan Successful.

London, Dec. 12.—In a fight at the Adolph club for \$1000 and the light weight championship, "Spike" Sullivan of Boston defeated "Bill" Chester of London in the fourteenth round.

SORROWS OF SANTA

CHANCED into Santa Claus' home one day. And these are the words I heard him say:

"Ah, me, the times, the manners, the men! It used to be all so different when

"I was a young man in the long ago And sped with my reindeer over the snow.

"Then every home in every land Gave unto me always a welcome hand.

"And chimneys then in the days gone by Were not oversmall and not overhigh,

"And the stockings they used were the old fashioned kind, All hung in a row and so easy to find.

"Then the gifts were so simple and all in good taste, From the gingerbread man to the doll made of paste,

"But now it's so different. Helgho, hear me sigh! I mourn for the days in the Land of Goney.

"For now I'm kept busy from early till late In my earnest endeavors to be up to date.

"I've trimmed my old beard in the new Vandyke style, And instead of a laugh, I've a simpering smile.



"I'VE CEASED TO WEAR ALL MY OLD FASHIONED CLOTHES."

"Yes, I've ceased to wear all my old fashioned clothes, And I've got on long shoes with the sharp pointed toes,

"And my reindeer and robes and my beautiful sleigh With my gingerbread presents are all laid away,

"For I ride nowadays on a bicycle swift And I'm puzzled to know what to bring for a gift

"To the girls fin de siecle, and as for the boys, They've no use at all for my old fashioned toys,

"And the houses have changed. In those things called a flat I'm kept busy guessing just where I am at.

"Excuse me now, please, if I speak very low; I've come to my last and my cruellest blow.

"Tis the worst, though what I have told you is bad; My wife has acquired the new woman fad!"

And those were the words I heard him say When I chanced in Santa Claus' home one day.

—Detroit News-Tribune.

AN ODD BELGIAN CUSTOM.

A Picturesque Procession on Christmas Eve.

In some old Belgian towns a beautiful spectacle may be seen on Christmas eve. Amid the sound of drum, cornet, cymbal and a whole orchestra of instruments, with the chanting of carols, a long, gayly decked procession marches through the principal streets—children of all ages, each division dressed in its special color (white, blue, pink or yellow), and all bearing some badge or emblem or grasping some bright ribbon attached to shrine or crucifix. The effect of grouping and color is very artistic. Here and there in the throng older, stronger hands bear aloft precious relics, upon which the spectators reverently gaze. Many novel features come into view as the procession passes along, but the prettiest sight is the train of beautiful children in fantastic dress marching over the flower strewn pavement, each small person gravely absorbed in the special part it performs. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

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